Special projects for undeveloped districts of Orissa

1151. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement special projects for undeveloped districts of western Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement special projects for undeveloped districts of western Orissa keeping in view the fact that the newly created Coastal Orissa Development Council is not able to do enough development works due to lack of sufficient funds from State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) The Special Project component of Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) ensures trying out new and viable initiatives of pioneering nature of self-employment with a focus on BPL families for all the rural areas in the country including underdeveloped district of western Orissa.

(d) Two special projects namely (i) Special Project for Creation of Integrated Network of Marketing of Rural Products by ORMAS in Boudh, Sonepur, Bolangir, Phulbani, Nawapara, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Nawrangpur, Koraput and Malkangiri District and (ii) Milk Powder Plant at Bhubaneshwar Dairy Chandrasekharpur district Khurda have been sanctioned for Orissa with a total cost of Rs. 1482.00 lakhs and Rs. 900.00 lakhs, respectively. The Ministry has not received any request from Coastal Orissa Development Council for any insufficient fund in this regard.

Schemes for rural areas

1152. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new schemes and programmes formulated by the Government for two-third population residing in rural areas of the country during the Tenth Plan for total poverty alleviation; and